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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-31.

Please add new claims 32-115.

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~~32. An adjuvant composition comprising an immunostimulant adsorbed onto a metallic salt particle, characterised in that the metallic salt particle is substantially free of other antigen and in that the immunostimulant is not a saponin derived from the bark of Quillaja Saponaria Molina.~~

33. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 32, wherein the metallic salt particle is a salt of aluminium, zinc, calcium, cerium, chromium, iron, or berilium.

34. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 32, wherein the metallic salt is a phosphate or hydroxide.

35. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 32, wherein the metallic salt is aluminium hydroxide or aluminium phosphate.

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